



CCW 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM has concerns with House Bill 5023 "An Act Concerning Arrest Powers of Local Police Officers and Motor Vehicle Inspectors."

• Section 1(b) of the bill would allow sworn members of any local police department, outside of their precinct, when on duty, to arrest any person.

Cooperation and mutual agreements among municipal departments has operated seamlessly over the years. While there is merit in this proposal to allow police officers to arrest for all crimes, regardless of jurisdictions -- local CEOs have concerns about potential risks, such as additional liability exposure and potential for additional workers' compensation and legal costs -- that could ultimately create a negative effect on local budgets.

CCM urges the Committee to fully study possible impacts on the municipal bottom-line of this well-intended proposal and therefore, urges the Committee to <u>take no action</u> on H.B. 5023.



If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hamzy, Legislative Associate of CCM via email dhamzy@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 946-3783.

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Subject: HB 5023 Arrest Powers of Local Police

Rep. Guerrera, Sen. Maynard:

This message is to inform you that CCM has withdrawn its concerns regarding HB 5023, originally expressed in testimony dated 2/22/12.

Thank you.

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